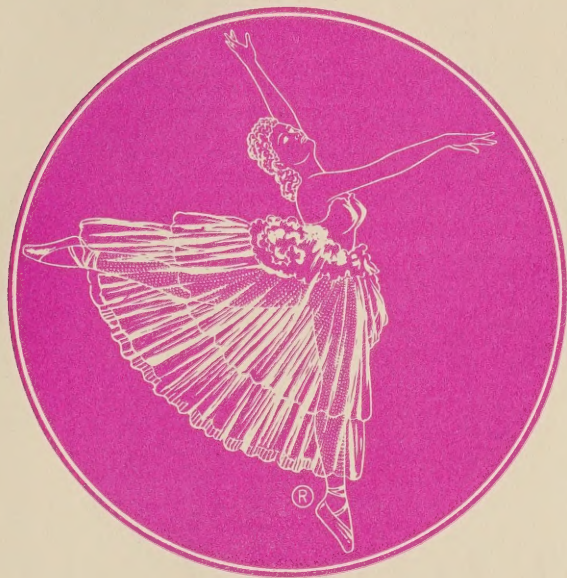


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Beautiful New African Violets for 54

Appealing: A new variety with giant spectacular 2½" pansy like flowers of excellent substance, a vivid lavender bloom with the two upper petals and edges of the lower petals a dark plum, the center a dark plum set with a brilliant yellow eye. The foliage is extra strong, and flower stems are held high above the foliage. An excellent bloomer! And a very unusual color combination. \$3.00

Blue Frosty: Foliage of chartreuse, creamy-yellow, and marbelized forest green, and propagates plants like itself from leaf cuttings. Flowers are a beautiful shade of medium blue. Really different and outstanding (supply limited) . . . \$3.00

Blue Horizon: A beautiful reddish purple double with a dainty white edge, Superior bloomer and the flowers show off beautifully above really good looking foliage . . . (Cuttings only) - \$1.25

Cavalier: A dusty dark blue double on bronze quilted heart shaped leaves. A very good one and popular. . . . \$2.00

Cherie: Beautiful large very frilly dark red bicolor blooms on dark waxy girl foliage. Very striking \$2.50

Cochet: Excellent rose orchid sweet pea type blooms with a heavy fringe, on dark waxy girl foliage. \$2.50

Edna Fischer: A superb, deep red-lavender double with individual petals bordered in blending white. Gracefully framed against a background of rich green foliage, reddish below. (Cuttings only) \$1.50

Edith Cavelle: This variety is truly outstanding with very large delicate ivory and lavender bicolor blooms, heavily fringed. Dark bronzy green wavy leaves with brown stems. . . \$2.50

Fleur Petite: Distinctive ruffled lilac sweet pea type blooms on a beautiful bright green waxy girl foliage. . . . \$3.00

Hildegarda: Rose orchid ruffled blooms accented with a beautiful dark bronze light veined foliage. \$2.50

Mine Alone: Large double blooms borne in profusion on waxy medium green heavy quilted girl foliage. \$2.50

Miss Louisa: Very large red orchid iridescent blooms with a crystal clear edge on very pretty heart shaped foliage \$2.50

Pastel Princess: A beautiful plant with a lovely shade of pastel pink bicolor. Accented with a beautiful girl foliage. . . . \$2.50

Peg O' My Heart: Fringed sweet pea type blooms, with upper two petals a deep rose orchid and the three lower a rose pink shade, on a lovely green foliage. . . . \$2.50

Peaches and Cream: A perfect name for this pink and white violet, with one of the best dark green foliage ever seen \$2.50

Purple Princess: Very large dark purple blooms borne in profusion on bronzy green girl foliage. \$2.50

Queens Royal: Large fully double dark purple on bronze dark green girl foliage. Beautifully quilted. . . . \$2.50

Silver Snow: Giant deep cupped flowers of satin white standing well above a beautiful variegated foliage. . . . \$2.50

Sundance: Large semi-double orchid bicolor blooms with a wavy edge on heavily waxed heart shaped leaves \$2.50

Violet Beautiful: This variety has just been released for sale by the hybridizers, so it's brand new this season. Really exquisite round flowers of smooth violet color just as the name implies, borne in clusters on strong stems. Not a pale color but one which is bound to attract much attention in your collection. A very symmetrical plant with a beautiful medium green foliage. You will love it. . . . \$3.00

White Madonna: Winner of three awards including the Blue Ribbon for the best mutant shown at the National African Violet Convention in Tennessee. Huge buds unfold from a cream shade into crystal clear sparkling white, forming those large double white blossoms that won praises and prizes from experts who know violets! Blossoms carried in profusion just above the dark green girl-type foliage making a striking contrast. . . \$3.00

Wintergreen: A rare violet indeed. The foliage is speckled chartreuse and marbelized medium forest green, with double white flowers that are tinted light blue in the center. Really different, brand new and a sensation when exhibited for the first time at the African Violet Convention held in Nashville, Tennessee, last April. . . \$3.00

Winty Nite: This is another variety which the hybridizer has just released for sale. And we are proud to list it for the first time this spring. If only this could be shown in color because the foliage of Winty Nite must be seen to be realized. The foliage is a beautiful clear speckled chartreuse and marbelized dark forest green with the center of the plant a brilliant clear chartreuse with beautiful large double dark blue flowers. Reserve your plant now, we'll ship orders in rotation early spring, subject to stock. \$3.50

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More Lovely Hybrids

African Violet Plants

Asure Beauty: (Improved): Sparkling white fluffy double blossoms of wax-like substance, with center petals shaded light blue, and bright golden eye. Extra large double flowers, a profuse bloomer. \$2.00

Black Magic: Deep blue fully double blooms with a prominent golden eye on very dark green heart shaped leaves \$2.50

Blue Ohio: Words can hardly do this one justice. Giant medium blue blossoms, small dark green DuPont foliage, truly an outstanding variety \$2.00

Blue Wonder (Supreme): Giant striking marbelized flower in white and brilliant marine blue accented by a lovely pliable supreme foliage. \$2.00

Brenda Girl: A beautiful plant with a lovely girl foliage, compact grower, well rounded blooms of a beautiful red-violet shade. \$2.00

California Dark Plum: The originator calls this violet a plum red, which it richly deserves, a beautiful plant with a medium green foliage of good quality. \$2.00

Corsage: Distinctive light blue double flowers are borne in heavy clusters on long sturdy stems, foliage is light green and spreading. \$2.00

Double Lace: A violet which is correctly named, a beautiful crystal double frilled white. Blooms stand well above pretty bright green foliage, one of the best double whites. \$2.00

Double Orchid Neptune (Royal Scot): Big puffy double light plum flowers accented with deeply spooned dark green leaves which are flushed wine underneath, and such heavy quilting \$1.25

DuPont White: Absolutely pure white double of nice size, the foliage is a pliable medium green supreme type, this makes a very attractive plant. \$2.00

Fluffy Lady: Large double white blooms with pastel pink shading on a good waxy girl foliage \$2.00

Frosty: Is chartreuse, creamy-yellow, and marbelized forest green, and it propagates plants like itself from leaf cuttings. Flowers are white and blue. Really different and outstanding. . . \$2.50

Geneva Beauty: Pleasing and different (excellent new variety). The flowers are a vivid shade of purple edged with a pure white edge which does not fade. Foliage similar to Mentor Boy . . . \$2.50

Girl At Dawn: A pretty African Violet that is sure to please you because it is different and grows quickly. Flower is a beautiful plum red, with a nice girl foliage of light green \$2.00

Her Majesty: Large double orchid girl on pretty dark green waxy foliage. Plant has free growth, is very desirable with blooms borne well above foliage \$2.00

Holly: The name truly describes the foliage, dark bronze green very frilled and pointed crisply at the edges, and royal purple beneath. The darkest and shiniest leaf you've ever seen! \$2.00

Inspiration: Lovely large orchid color blossoms. Very free bloomer. Supreme foliage is large, yet soft and flexible and flower stems strong and upright \$2.00

Juliet: A good rose pom-pom double with a vivid golden eye, blooms borne well above the foliage, deep green heart shaped leaves, sharply toothed \$2.00

Loreli: Very pretty lavender pink geneva with a crystal clear edge on beautiful medium green foliage \$2.00

Minuet Girl: Sprightly as its name, a Minuet blue with that extra something that makes a fine violet. Foliage is girl-like in character \$2.00

Orbicularis: An original specie--dwarf free flowering plant, similar to Grotei but much improved in every way, the plant is always a mass of medium sized blooms of delicate blue, subtly diffused with a blending white. \$2.00

Pansy: A white bloom with a medium blue overlay in some cases marked like a pansy, other times leaving only a little white edge, foliage is a medium green of good substance. \$2.00

Pink Cheer: Flowers are of the deepest pink color - the blooms are borne in clusters on upright stems well above the dark green quilted leaves. Glossy on top with a rose colored reverse. The foliage of Pink Cheer adds much to it's distinctiveness, strong grower. \$1.50

Pink Wonder: One of the finest pinks ever placed on the market and a constant prize winner. Giant full petaled bloom, deep pink with a slight eye and a good heavy bloomer. The foliage is heavy and a good grower. \$2.50

Rainbow Rose: Big double white flowers edged in rose, a perfect companion to the already established improved Asure Beauty, which is shaded in blue. \$1.50

Red Lady: The brightest, most free flowering "Red" we've seen. Blooms are actually a vivid red. And wonderful contrast with all other colors \$1.50

Robinhood: A tinkling beauty, free flowering and graceful habit. Two upper petals of deep black red are set on a lower field of lighter red. This is a pretty combination and a favorite of those who have seen it. \$1.25

Ruby Girl: A new variety with medium size flowers, of excellent substance, blooms are a dainty soft pink with the two top petals tipped with deep orchid - sometimes the orchid runs down into the outside lower petals. Very choice and extra nice \$2.00

Ruffled Treasure: Highly frilled flowers of very pretty pastel shaded light lavender to a rose orchid on wavy dark green and bronze foliage. (Truly an outstanding violet.) \$2.00

Ruffled Queen: Fringed Dark Burgundy - massive DuPont foliage - Here's truly an outstanding Violet that will catch the eye of every visitor. The edges of each petal are so heavily ruffled and frilled that they have an appearance of being edged with lace of a lighter color than the rest of the flower \$2.00

Sir Lancelot: The knight of the bi-colors. Beautiful deep purple top and tips of petals on orchid pink center. The whole color effect silhouetted on the bright green leafy field is most striking. \$1.50

Snow Prince: Absolutely pure glistening white, giant blooms. Without a doubt the finest white to date \$2.00

Springfield Beauty: "Monarch of Doubles". A huge extra large double dark blue accented with beautiful medium green foliage, flowers stand well above the foliage \$2.50

Sun Glow: Large fully double rose orchid blooms on a good pliable medium light green foliage. \$2.00

Velvet Girl (Select): This violet will steal the show anywhere. It's different. The most enchanting pansy-like blossoms, so large and velvety orchid, dipped burgundy red. We recommend it highly. \$1.50

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(Cuttings)

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(Leaves)

Will be available just as soon as weather permits shipment.

All merchandise is guaranteed to be from the originator and is authentically named. No orders accepted for less than \$1.50 on either cuttings or leaves. When ordering, please enclose your check or money order; and on orders of less than \$5.00 please add 50¢ for postage and packing. Orders of \$5.00 or more will be shipped postpaid.

All orders will be filled in the order which they are received.

Variety	Cutting	Leaves	Variety	Cutting	Leaves
Appealing	\$	\$.75	Frosty	\$ 1.00	\$.75
Blue Frosty		1.00	Geneva Beauty	.75	.35
Blue Horizon (Pat)	1.00	.75	Girl At Dawn	.50	.35
Cavalier	1.00	.75	Her Majesty	1.00	.50
Cherie		.75	Holly	.75	.50
Cochet		.75	Inspiration	.75	.50
Edna Fischer (Pat)	1.25	1.00	Juliet	1.00	.50
Edith Cavelle	1.00	.75	Lorelie	.75	.50
Fleur Petite		.75	Obicularis	.75	.50
Hildegard		.75	Orchid Geneva	.50	.35
Mine Alone		.75	Painted Girl	.50	.35
Miss Louisa		.75	Pandora	1.00	.50
Pastel Princess	1.00	.75	Pansy	.50	.35
Peg O'My Heart		.75	Pink Cheer	.35	.25
Peaches & Cream	1.00	.75	Pink Wonder (Pat)	.75	.50
Purple Princess	.75	.50	Purple Knight	.35	.25
Queens Royal	1.00	.75	Purple Prince	.35	.25
Silver Snow		.50	Rainbow Rose	.50	.35
Sundance		.75	Red Lady		.25
Violet Beautiful		.75	Robinhood	.50	.35
White Madonna		.75	Royal Scot	.35	.25
Wintergreen	1.25	1.00	Ruby Girl	.50	.35
Wintry Nite		1.00	Ruffled Treasure	.75	.40
Asure Beauty (Imp)		.35	Ruffled Queen		.40
Black Magic	1.00	.50	Sir Lancelot	.35	.25
Blue Wonder (Sup)	.75	.50	Silver Lining (Pat)	.75	.50
Brenda Girl	.75	.50	Snow Line (Pat)	.75	.50
California Dark Plum	.50	.35	Snow Prince (Imp)	.50	.35
Corsage	.50	.35	Springfield Beauty	.75	.50
Double Lace	.50	.25	Sun Glow	.75	.50
Double Velvet Girl	.50	.35	Velvet Girl Select	.50	.35
DuPont White (Sup)	.75	.50	Violet Geneva	.35	.25

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